MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: I said already that the orders were for *enquiry and disposal.*

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Did he started enquiry and issue summons to witnesses ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: His finding was that such a petition was inadmissible under the rules and therefore he could not proceed with the enquiry. It was beyond his powers.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Was the enquiry about the conduct of the officer or the petition ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: The enquiry was ordered in connection with Mr. Sivaramakrishna Aiyar's petition dated 4-5-1106.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Was it not against the conduct of a Government Servant ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: It was about the alleged irregularities in the conduct of the Presidential election.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether the enquiry was in any way illegal under the rules ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: Under the existing rules, the Dewan Peishkar has no jurisdiction to enquire. So the Dewan Peishkar did not enquire.

MR. G. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Was not the very same officer retransferred to the very same station ?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

Petition against Mr. Hilkiah while he was the Medical Officer at Tuckalai.

36. MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they received a petition, while Mr. Hilkiah was the Medical Officer at Tuckalai, attributing corruption, etc., to him;

(*b*) whether there was an allegation in the petition about the extraction of the teeth of an in-patient and the consequences thereof;

(*c*) whether they deputed the Inspecting Medical Officer to investigate these complaints;

(*d*) why the Inspecting Medical Officer refused to take evidence though depositions were offered by respectable gentlemen;

(*e*) whether they will lay on the table a copy of the evidence taken by the Inspecting Medical Officer and his report thereon; and

(*f*) whether any orders were passed on the report, and if so, what ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

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(*d*) The Inspecting Medical Officer did not refuse to take any evidence offered, but took statements from some of the signatories in the memorial and a few other respectable gentlemen of the locality.

(*e*) No; they are confidential documents.

(*f*) The allegations were reported to be false and malicious and hence no action was necessary on them.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the member be pleased to state whether she is aware that when specific instances of corruption were brought to the notice of Government in the Assembly, it was stated there that an enquiry would be started if the officer is found guilty?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise on this question.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether any orders were passed on the petition against the officer?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: No. The allegations were reported to be false and malicious. So no orders were passed against the officer.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether the evidence taken by the Chief Medical Officer will be placed on the table?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: I have already stated that it is a confidential document and cannot be placed on the table.

Appointment of Dr. Slater as Darbar Physician.

37. MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the terms of the covenant entered into between them and Dr. Slater;

(*b*) the extent of the period for which he continued to be the Darbar Physician and the total amount paid to him as salary, compensation allowance, etc;

(*c*) under what circumstances, Dr. Slater repudiated the covenant; and

(*d*) whether they intend recalling him?

MR. K. GEORGE: (*a*) Mr. B. L. Slater was appointed Darbar Physician on the following terms:—

1. He will be given a pay of Bh. Rs. 1,800 per mensem;

2. He and his wife will be granted first class passage by steamer from London to India and first class railway fares from the Port of arrival in India to Trivandrum.

3. For his journey on tour in the State, he will be treated as a first class officer and in respect of daily allowance when this is admissible, he will be granted S. Rs. 6 per diem.

4. In respect of casual leave, privilege leave and sick leave he will be governed by the rules of the Service Regulations in force in the State.

5. He will be subject to the provisions of the Income Tax and Municipal Regulations in force in the State like any other officer of the State.

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